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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2008, Applicant submits the within amendment and remarks for entry in the above-identified application. Amendments to the Specification: none.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract: none.

Amendments to the Drawings: none.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.